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TOPEKA, KANSAS MAN SENTENCED ON CRACK COCAINE CHARGE

TOPEKA, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Darren L. Carter**, 33, Topeka, Kansas, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Sam A. Crow to **seven years and eight months in federal prison, without parole, to be followed by four years of supervised release.**

Melgren said that Carter was found guilty on Friday, May 16, 2003, following a three day jury trial with one count of possession with the intent to distribute crack cocaine.

Melgren said that according to court testimony, on May 21, 2001, Topeka Police Department officers executed a search warrant in Topeka, Kansas, at Carter's residence and found approximately 11 grams (approximately .39 ounce) of crack cocaine hidden next to the back step of the residence. According to court testimony, Carter's girlfriend and infant child were present during the search. Items associated with the distribution of crack cocaine, including scales, baggies and cash were found on a shelf in the kitchen next to the baby's bottles and formula.

Melgren commended the excellent work of the Topeka Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration in this investigation and Assistant U.S. Attorney Anthony Mattivi in this prosecution.